

**Remarks**

It is observed that the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1-9 as being anticipated by Stephens (US-5.651.641). Claim 10 was instead rejected as being unpatentable over US-5.651.641 in view of Mantarro (US-4.572.700).

Accordingly, the applicant has amended claims 1-10 in order to overcome the indefiniteness objections of the Examiner.

The applicant has also amended claim 1 in order to overcome the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C.102.

The amended claim 1 recites that the spacers which are extruded in a single phase together with said layers, at least one of said layers being constituted by at least one set of yarns arranged at one end of said spacers, said spacers having a shape, cross-section and height that vary according to a required compression resistance of said spacers.

The fact that the spacers are extruded in a single phase with the layers and that the spacers have a cross-section, a shape and a height that vary according to the required resistance compression provides a great advantage over existing net structures.

First of all, the spacers are more rigidly connected to the upper and lower layers and create a more stable structure as a whole.

Secondly, the possibility of differentiating the features of the spacers provides for a more versatile resulting net structure.

In view of the above, it is believed that the amended claim 1 better defines the present invention and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Please, note that the applicant has also tried to overcome all of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112.

It will be noted that a sincere effort has been made to positively respond to all of the points raised by the Examiner.

While it is believed that the amended claims properly define the present invention, applicant would be open to any suggestion the Examiner may have concerning different claim phraseology which, in the Examiner's opinion, more accurately defines the present invention.

Respectfully submitted,



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